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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 April 2004.
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 04/15/2007 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/CI/CDC)
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4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

1. Claims 1-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Matsueda (2002/0186400).

Claim 1, Matsueda discloses a printing apparatus (Fig. 1 El. 13) that processes a print job (Section 0028, Lines 1-10), the printing apparatus comprising:

a receiving unit (Fig. 2 El. 226) for receiving a request for canceling the print job from an information processing system (Section 0053, Lines 1-12).

a responding unit (Fig. 2 El. 226) for transmitting response information, in response to the request for canceling the print job received by the receiving unit, to the information processing system, the response information indicating that the request for canceling the print job has been received (Section 0081, Lines 1-15) and

a transmitting unit (Fig. 2 El. 231) for transmitting information, after the print job has been canceled in accordance with the request for canceling the print job received by the receiving unit, to the information processing system, the information indicating that the print job has been canceled (Section 0063).

Claim 2, Matsueda discloses printing apparatus further comprising:
a retrieving unit (Fig. 2 El. 227) for retrieving the print job for which the request for canceling the print job has been submitted in accordance with the request for canceling the print job received by the receiving unit, wherein the responding unit transmits either response information to the information processing system if the corresponding print job is retrieved by the retrieving unit, or transmits error response information to the information processing system if the corresponding print job is not retrieved by the retrieving unit (Section 0039).

Claim 3, Matsueda discloses a printing apparatus which further comprises:
an acquiring unit (Fig. 2 El. 227) for acquiring second identification (**System ID**) information of the print job corresponding to first identification information (**Job Handle**) specified in the request for canceling the print job received by the receiving unit, the second identification information being associated with the print job in order for the printing apparatus to manage the print job (Section 0062); and a canceling unit for canceling the print job based on the second identification information acquired by the acquiring unit (Section 0063).

Claim 4, Matsueda discloses a printing apparatus, which further comprises:
a request receiving unit (Fig. 2 El. 226) for receiving a request for the print job from the information processing system (Sections 0043 and 0044).

an identification-information transmitting unit (Fig. 2 El.12-1) for transmitting the first identification information corresponding to the print job to the information processing system in accordance with the request received by the request receiving unit; (Section 0046). and

a print-data receiving unit (Fig. 2 El. 226) for receiving print data corresponding to the print job from the information processing system after the first identification information has been transmitted by the identification-information transmitting unit (Section 0047).

Claim 5, Matsueda discloses a printing apparatus wherein the transmitting unit transmits the information that the print job has been canceled to the information processing system after the print job has been canceled by the canceling unit (Sections 0052 and 0053).

Claim 6, Matsueda discloses a canceling method of canceling a print job in a printing apparatus (Sections 0077,0078 and 0079), the canceling method comprising:

an instruction step of transmitting a request for canceling the print job from an information processing system to the printing apparatus (Section 0079);

a receiving step of receiving, by the printing apparatus, the request for canceling the print job transmitted from the information processing system (Section 0081); and

a responding step of transmitting response information to the information processing system (Section 0081, Lines 9-15), the response information indicating that

the request for canceling the print job has been received, wherein the response information is a response to the request for canceling the print job, and wherein the response information is transmitted before the print job is canceled in accordance with the request for canceling the print job (Section 0082, and 0083).

Claim 7, Matsueda discloses a canceling method further comprising:
a transmitting step of transmitting information that the print job has been canceled to the information processing system, wherein the information is transmitted after the print job has been canceled in accordance with the request for canceling the print job (Sections 0085-0089, Fig. 8).

Claim 8, Matsueda discloses a canceling method which, further comprising:
a retrieving step of retrieving the print job for which the request for canceling the print job has been submitted in accordance with the request for canceling the print job (Section 0080-0081). wherein the responding step transmits either response information to the information processing system if the corresponding print job is retrieved in the retrieving step, or transmits error response information to the information processing system if the corresponding print job is not retrieved in the retrieving step (Sections 0080-0083 thus when the job is “**deleted**” if it is retrievable and the status is changed to “**to be deleted**” when is not retrievable).

Claim 9, Matsueda discloses a canceling method, which further comprises:

an acquiring step of acquiring second identification information of the print job corresponding to first identification information specified in the request for canceling the print job, (Section 0062); the second identification information being associated with the print job in order for the printing apparatus to manage the print job; and a canceling step of canceling the print job based on the second identification information acquired in the acquiring step (Section 0066).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Akwasi M. Sarpong whose telephone number is 571-270-3438. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:00am-5:00pm est.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, HAI Tran can be reached on 571-272-7305. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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